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SUBJ: BIO CAT III NEW VIETNAMESE BOAT CASE REFUGEE VO THANG
FAMILY OF 1

REF: A. BANGKOK 25292 (VF) B. BANGKOK 24811 C. STATE 178281

1. VO THANG

A. BUDDHIST

BGM SEPTEMBER 27, 1949 THANH HOA, VN

C. 1970 WAS SELECTED TO ATTEND A 6 MONTH COURSE IN NEWPORT,
R.I. (CLASS 3 NROCS VIETNAMESE PROGRAM). LATER ATTENDED
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, GRADUATING ON MAY 11, 1974
WITH A DEGREE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

D. 1974-1975-SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR AT THE VIETNAMESE NAVAL
ACADEMY. DURING THIS TIME HE HELD THE RANK AT LT. J.G.

HE WAS PROMOTED JUST BEFORE THE FALL OF VIETNAM.

E. VIETNAMESE, ENGLISH (EXCELLENT)

F. NO KNOWN RELATIVES IN U.S. BUT HAS SOME CLOSE FRIENDS
FROM HIS STAY IN U.S.

1. DR. J.C. LANG

7508 WALTON LANE

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2. NORMAN WILCOX
P.O. BOX 1194
GEORGETOWN, S.C. 29440

3. DR. DAVID HUSBAND
1832 DREXEL LAKE DR.
COLUMBIA, S.C. 29206
G. UNKNOWN

2. VO THANG WAS THE CAPTAIN OF SONGKHLA BOAT #21 WHICH LANDED AUG. 26 WITH 26 PERSONS ABOARD PER REFTEL B. SINCE HE WAS THE ONLY PERSON ABOARD COMPETENT ENOUGH TO GUIDE THE SHIP, HE ONLY GOT SNATCHES OF SLEEP DURING THE 6 DAY ORDEAL. AND WAS TOTALLY EXHAUSTED UPON ARRIVAL.

3. LIKE SO MANY OF THE OTHER REFUGEES NOW ESCAPING BY BOAT, VO THANG ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AS A FISHERMAN AFTER HE REALIZED HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GET OUT IN APRIL 75. WITH THIS NEW "CAREER" IS WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A REPUTATION IN HIS VILLAGE, AND THUS, COMMAND THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNISTS.

4. VO THANG HAS PROVED HIMSELF TO BE A VERY INTELLIGENT AND COMPETENT YOUNG MAN. HE HAS SHOWN ON ABILITY TO ADAPT TO A GREAT VARIETY OF STIUATIONS. POST FEELS HE WOULD ASSIMILATE INTO AMERICAN SOCIETY QUITE EASILY AND WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IT.

5. REQUEST ORM AND INS/CO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF ONE EPP RECOUP "A" NUMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL C. (THIRD PRIORITY.)
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